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In the Application of: John E. Sims and Blair R. Renshaw

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Examiner: J. Andres

For: IL-1 eta DNA and Polypeptides



RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to an Office Action having a mailing date of November 20, 2002, in which the Examiner restricted the invention into groups I through VI and required Applicants to elect one of the inventions set forth by the Examiner, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, drawn to polynucleotides and means of expression, claims 1 through 10. Please cancel the remaining claims as drawn to a non-elected invention.

In view of the election, Applicants request favorable consideration of the application and speedy allowance of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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